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### SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 April 17, 2003

Dear Sir:

The present response is filled supplemental to the response filed on January 29, 2003.

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#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claim 70.

diago (70. A kit for the *in vitro* detection of a truncation, a 18.00 CC deletion or a mutation in a survival motor neuron gene encoding the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9, comprising:

a set of primers, wherein said primers consist essentially of nucleic acid sequences selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:5-8 and 24-57;

reagents for amplifying DNA with said primers; and a probe for the detection of the amplified product.